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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending in the application.

Claims 9-12, 17-18 and 20-23, have been amended. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Claims 28-31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in these claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

In the Office action, the Examiner grouped claims 1-8 together as a combination and claims 9-27 as a subcombination. Applicants have amended claims 9-12, 17, 18 and 20-23. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments render the restriction requirement moot as to Groups I and II. Applicants have cancelled claims 28-31 without prejudice.

Only in the event that the Examiner objects to the amendment or believes that the amendments do not overcome the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-8 of Group I.

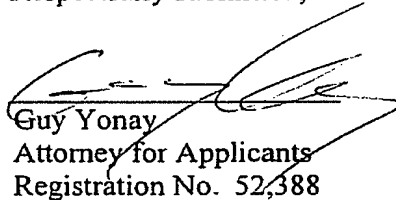
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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